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COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS  
AND METHOD  
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  - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstracts,
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	AL	1-187898	7/1989	JP			Abstr.
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